

MARY SCULLY IS APOSTLE OF THE WORKING WOMEN

Long Years of Hard Work
In Factories Taught Her
To Help Toilers.

DOES WONDERFUL WORK IN THE CITY

Energy Inexhaustible
Prompts Her to Seemingly Impossible Efforts.

The conditions of the working women in Bridgeport are the poorest in the United States, was the remarkable statement made by Mary Scully, general woman organizer for the American Federation of Labor, yesterday when asked for a concise statement of her opinion concerning the subject.

"They are worse than those in New Jersey," she continued, "which have always been considered about as bad as could be possible."

To interview Miss Scully is not by any means an easy thing, as you must catch her between meetings. She is always going to a meeting as quickly as the union labeled jitney can convey her from hall to hall.

Who is Mary Scully is being widely asked. Mary Scully is the woman who, when two weeks ago today she stepped off a train at the station, neither knew, nor was known to any one in Bridgeport. Today she is easily the most popular woman in this city and is probably known to more people than any other member of her sex of this vicinity.

What do the people think of Mary Scully? The best answer to the question is to witness her entrance to a hall where are gathered some thousand or more men and women who desire just a little more money for the labor they give and just a couple of hours less to work. No sooner does Mary Scully enter the door than wild applause breaks forth which continues until she gives the sign that she is ready to speak. It's an ovation which many an actress would give years of her life to gain and Mary Scully has been here but two short weeks.

Mary Scully is sincere. Mary Scully is energetically working night and day in their efforts and they know it. That's why they're for Mary Scully.

Above all the popular organizer knows what she is talking about from practical experience.

As the jitney hurried between Ensign's hall, where she had spoken to Sadler's hall where she was to speak yesterday afternoon, Miss Scully told about her self.

For twenty years she worked in the garment factories, starting in when very young, and working her way up through the various positions until finally she became forelady in a shirt-waist and dress factory in New York city. She was known as one of the highest paid foreladies in the business. But Mary Scully had been observing. She knew the grinding authority of some factory officials, the long hours, the poor pay and the wretched conditions under which the girls had to labor and although she had reached a position of authority she had not forgotten the things which for 20 years had been making their impressions. It was after the second unsuccessful strike of the girls in her particular factory that she revolted. She could talk to the girls in their own terms and she soon had them all out on strike.

She then went to all the leading manufacturers in that line and secured the protocol under which the charter of the International Ladies' Waist Makers' Union, local 25 of New York city as it now stands is organized. There are 27,000 girls working under this.

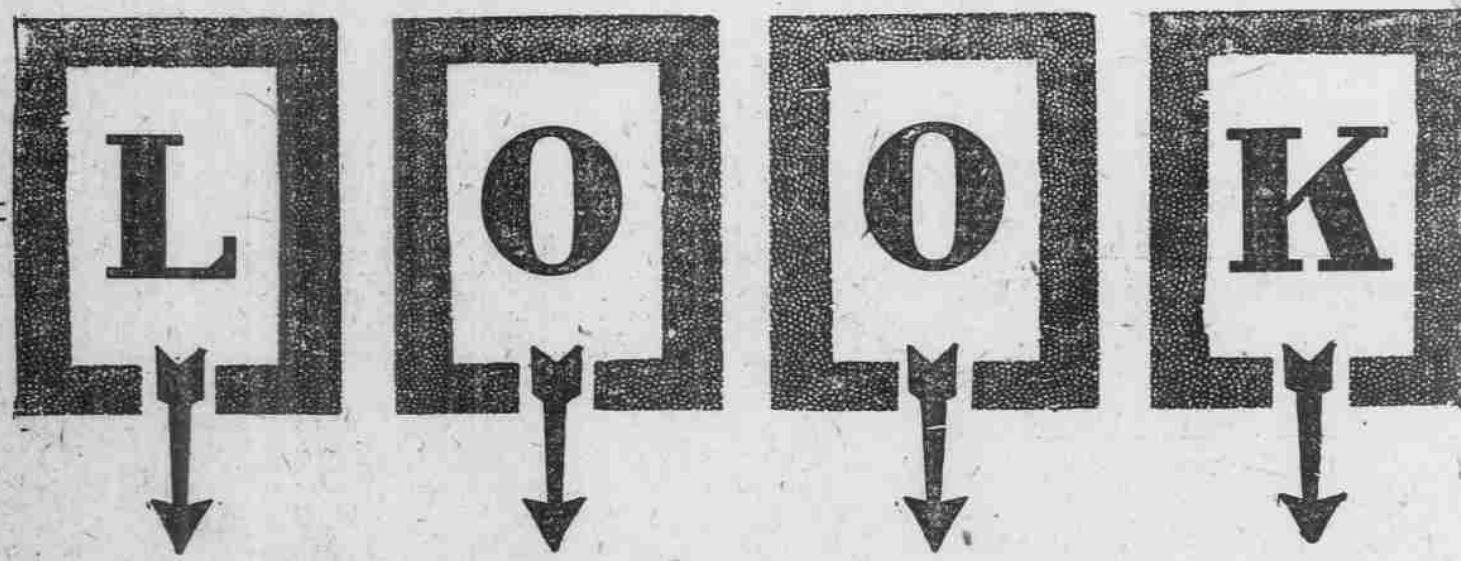
By this time Mary Scully was an organizer of the first order. She went to Boston where she secured the protocol under which 6,000 girls now work. It took her six weeks to organize the women workers of Boston. In Newark, she organized 12,000 girls into unions.

Mary Scully talks to thousands. A meeting of several hundred is considered a small one.

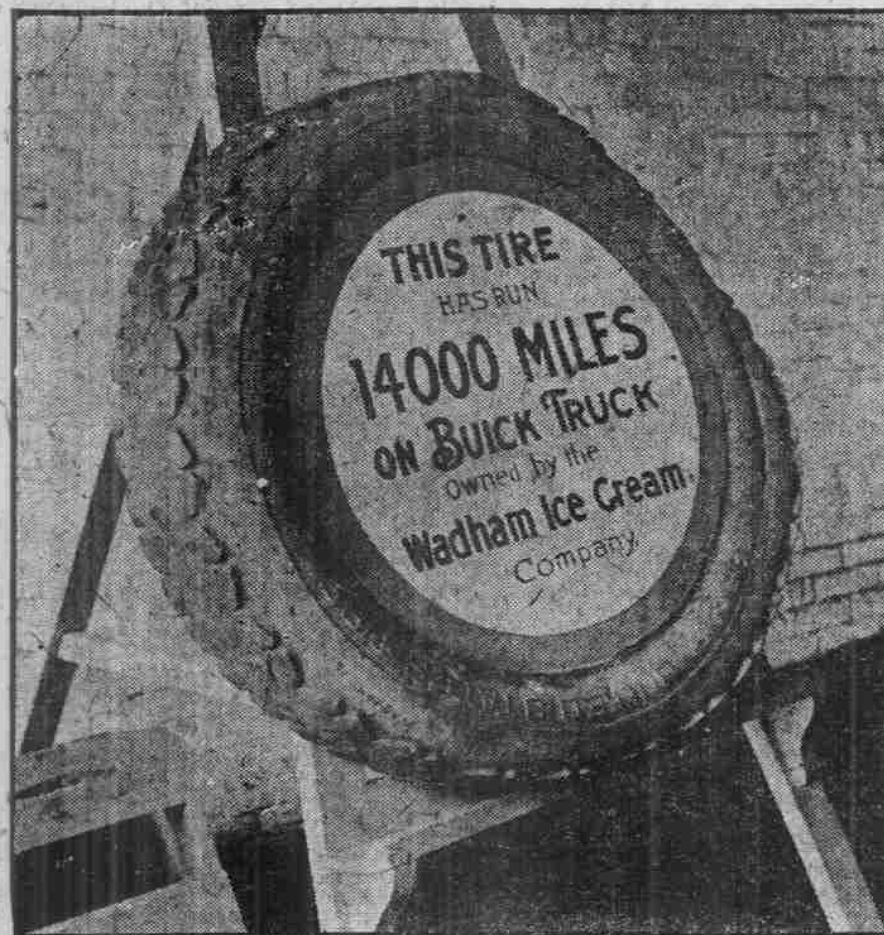
A couple of weeks ago Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said to Miss Scully:

"Go up to Bridgeport and look things over. See what the conditions are there. Connecticut is noted for the poor conditions of its women in labor but I don't think that the Bridgeport women want organization. However, see what you can do."

So Mary Scully came to Bridgeport. The public has been apprised of her arrival through the newspapers, but thought nothing of it. Miss Scully



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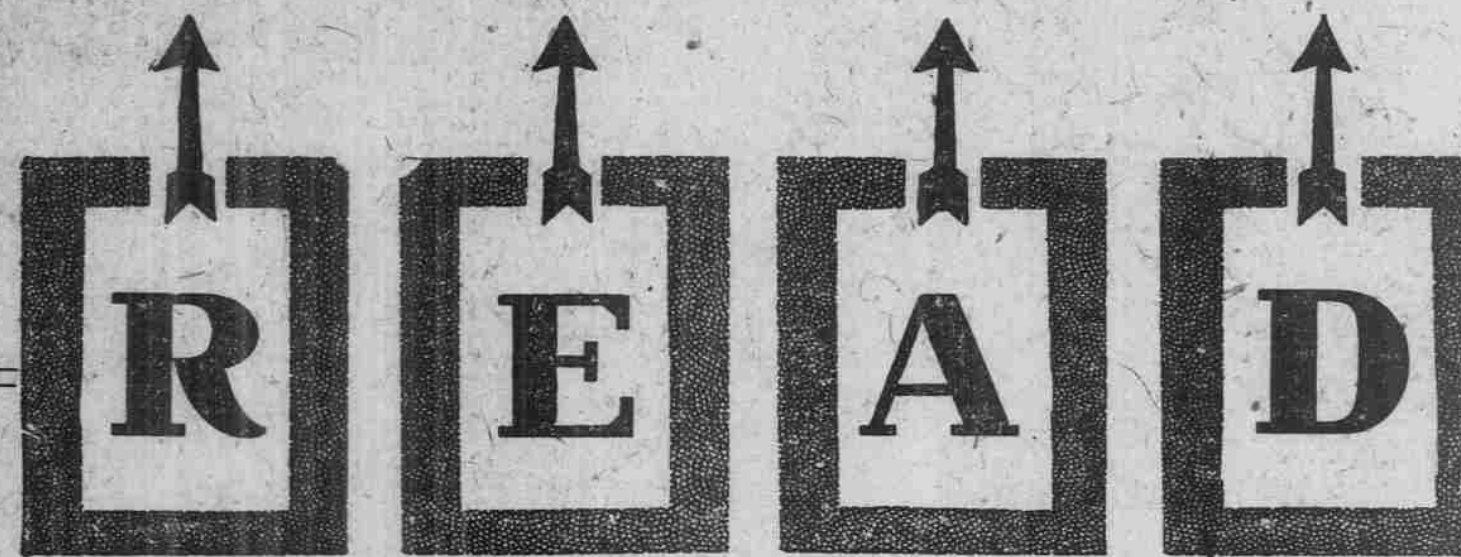
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looked about and began studying conditions in that energetic way which is so much of her personality. She observed that the working women of this city were in a pitiable state. She called several meetings of the girls in leading factories.

Last Monday 3,000 girls employed at Warner Bros. Co. walked out in the largest strike that women had ever held in this city. This was the first real announcement that Mary Scully was in town. After the walk-out at Warner Bros. strikes came thick and fast in all lines of trade in which women are employed. They are still coming and Miss Scully promises that they will come until every factory in Bridgeport is organized, until the 26,000 women workers of this town are members of unions, until they are alive to the possibilities of organized labor and keen to many things toward which they have until now held apathetic views.

In the future Mary Scully will probably be spoken of as one who awakened the working women of Connecticut. For years the Suffragists have been trying to do it but with little success. It took Mary Scully just one week.

She will also probably be accredited with abolishing child labor. She has already gained that at Warner Bros. and will accomplish the same in the other factories of the community.

An indication of her determination are the expressions she uses when speaking. She never says, "We want

to do this." "We hope to do this," or "If we do so and so." It's "When we do this," "We are going to that," and "We will do so and so."

Speaking of a factory which she had not yet had time to do anything about she said: "We'll get them. You can say that we're going to get them."

It is this determination and enthusiasm which makes her so immensely popular and enables her to accomplish so much. Her manner of speaking is neither radical, nor overwrought with feeling. She talks to the people in language that they can understand, not always troubling about the grammar or pronunciation.

Incidentally, she does not limit her working hours to eight. She admitted yesterday that she had had two hours' sleep the previous night, and that she was "willing to work 60 hours a day to help the workers."

"Since 9 o'clock this morning, 6,000 women have walked out in this city," said Mary Scully yesterday. What a force this woman has become in the community—this conquering spirit of 26,000 women!

Although she is known as "Miss Scully," she is a widow and in spite of her various activities about the country has had time to raise five children, one of whom is a son, 21 years of age. She uses the title "Miss" because she mingles with so many thousands of working girls.

Tom McNamara of Boston won the Western open golf championship at Chicago.

CONTINUE CASES OF TRIO HELD FOR THEFT OF MANY TONS OF COAL

A continuance was granted by Judge Frank L. Wilder in city court this morning in the case of Thomas Hennessy, 138 Holly street, Joe Gunn, 228 Williston street and Harry Lehrer, 272 Bunnell street, charged with the theft of six tons of hard coal from the yard of the East End Coal Co. They will be arraigned on Tuesday morning, bonds being fixed at \$50 in each case. Lehrer is out on bond but Hennessy and Gunn have been remanded to the county jail.

Officials of the East End Coal Co. have been missing several quantities of coal from their bins during the past month. Detectives Hall and Simons were detailed on the case and on Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock they detected the above trio in the act of carting two tons to the Meadows on Hollister avenue where they were in the habit of secreting the same until late in the evening when they would transfer it to the barn of Lehrer, a junk man, on Bunnell street.

The police have located about 10 tons of coal in the barn of Lehrer who claims that he purchased it, while Gunn and Hennessy claim that Lehrer hired them to cart it from the Meadows to his junk yard.

Governor Harris of Georgia, before an inquiry into the Frank Lynch-

Russians Bring Down Zeppelin Invader

London, Aug. 21.—Russian gunners have brought down a Zeppelin that was approaching Vilna, according to a despatch to the Reuter Telegram Co. from Petrograd today.

MARRIED TWO YEARS, HE WANTS DIVORCE ON GROUND OF DESERTION

Charging desertion after but two years of married life, George O. Platt of Norwalk has brought suit for divorce against Elizabeth J. Platt. According to the papers filed in with the clerk of the superior court today, the couple was married on April 7, 1910. Mrs. Platt's maiden name was Jones. Platt claims his wife left him without cause in March, 1912, and has since refused to live with him.

STRICKEN IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

The ambulance corps responded at 10 o'clock this morning to a call from Dr. I. B. Hart's office, 323 State street, where George O'Donnell, of 257 Broad street, had suffered an attack of heart failure. At press hour O'Donnell was resting comfortably at St. Vincent's.

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